

The Foundation for Investor Education sponsors a nationwide InvestWrite essay competition for students who participate in The Stock Market Game. The background and assignment for this year's competition are described below. Students must write their own essays and document any sources they used for information.

**To submit an essay:**

- Essays must be **at least 500 words** and **may not exceed 850 words**
- Any rough drafts should be typed and e-mailed to **mhall@buckleycountryday.com**
- Final drafts must be e-mailed by the end of the school day on **Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

InvestWrite Topic For Grades 6-8, Spring 2014**Background:**

The stock market and the bond market are a part of the capital markets. The capital markets bring buyers and sellers together to issue and trade stocks, bonds, and other financial assets. The capital markets strengthen our country by providing financing for entrepreneurs to start businesses, for companies to grow and expand, and for our government to build schools, roads and libraries, while giving people like you and me opportunities to save and invest for our futures.

Essay:

The stock market and the bond market are a part of the capital markets. They help companies and government agencies provide people like you and me with new or better products and services. Pick an investment from your portfolio and describe the product, service, or project it provides.

- If you selected a stock, compare it to one of its competitors.
 - How are they similar?
 - How are they different?
 - Which is a better long-term investment?
 - Why?
- If you selected a bond, compare it to a similar bond.
 - How are they the same?
 - How are they different?
 - Which is a better long-term investment?
 - Why?

Don't Forget: ** Include a catchy title! **Cite your sources at the end of your essay!

Final Due Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

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Judges will base their decisions on the author's understanding of the subject matter, rationale, and writing style. For more information about the judging criteria, visit <http://www.investwrite.info/judging.aspx>

For more information about the topic, please refer to the new resources on the Stock Market Game website. For any research that you do, cite your sources using the MLA format on Citation Machine (Library Homepage).